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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TO

SUBJECT: PROTEST TO GOT ON NORTH KOREA

REF: A. 90769, B. LOME 949, C. LOME 856

D. LOME 2435, OCT. 1974

1. REF A RECEIVED DURING EXTREMELY BUSY TIME FOR GOT OFFICIALS. EMBASSY PRESSED IN VAIN TO MAKE SUITABLE APPROACH TO FONMIN SUGGESTED PARA 2 REF A PRIOR TO TOGOLESE INDEPENDENCE DAY. KIM IL-SUNG DID NOT COME TO TOGO, BUT HIS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DJEN DJIN KI MADE OFFICIAL VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (REF B).

2. MEANWHILE, NORTH KOREAN ACROBATIC TEAM (REF C) PERFORMED SEVERAL TIMES IN TOGO. EMBASSY LEARNED FROM "TOGO-PRESSE" AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT PROGRAM CONTAINED TWO OR THREE SKITS RIDICULING USA. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY ON APRIL 28 PREPARED THIRD-PERSON NOTE 1) REMINDING MINISTRY IT HAD NOT REPLIED TO PROTEST NOTE OF OCTOBER 1974 (REF D) OR NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S DEROGATORY PUBLIC REMARKS ABOUT US; AND 2) REQUESTING MINISTRY TO PREVENT REPETITION OF OBJECTIONAL SKITS BY ACROBATS IN THEIR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULED FOR THAT NIGHT WHICH PRESIDENT EYADEMA WAS TO ATTEND. AMBASSADOR MET FONMIN SECRETARY GENERAL ON APRIL 28 AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT AND ADVISED THAT WE HAD TRIED REPEATEDLY TO SEE

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HIM AND, FAILING THAT, HAD PREPARED NOTE. HE WAS ABASHED AND

CLAIMED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT OFFENDING PARTS OF NORTH KOREAN PERFORMANCES.

3. FONMIN THEN REPLIED APRIL 29 TO OUR NOTE, EXPLAINING THAT MINISTER COULD NOT BE CONTACTED DURING ENTIRE DAY APRIL 28 AND THEREFORE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENTS OF NOTE UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY. MINISTRY REGRETTED THAT TIME PROVIDED BY OUR NOTE HAD NOT PERMITTED IT TO STUDY WITH COMPETENT TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO RESPOND TO EMBASSY'S CONCERNS. NOTE CONCLUDES THAT MINISTRY ASSURES EMBASSY THAT GOT WILL CONTINUE, AS IN PAST, TO ACCORD TO ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON DIPLOMATIC LEVEL IN TOGO, EQUAL TREATMENT WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

4. FONMIN HUNLEDE DID NOT ALLUDE TO THIS SUBJECT DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HIM YESTERDAY.

5. EMBASSY POUCHING COPIES OF NOTES EXCHANGED WITH FONMIN IN APRIL.
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